

REMARKS

The above-referenced Office Action has been carefully reviewed and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

✓ Claims 2-12 have been objected to. It is believed that the above amendments fully overcome these grounds of objection.

Claim 1-12 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. It is believed that the above amendments fully overcome these grounds of rejection.

✓ Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Steiner. Applicant respectfully traverses this ground of rejection.

earlier file The reference was issued after the date of the present application and, therefore, could not possibly have been patented before the invention by Applicant of the present invention.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Sato. Applicant respectfully traverses this ground of rejection in view, in part, of the above amendment to Applicant's Claim 1.

2 (Applicant's Claim 1 now particularly points out and distinctly claims that Applicant's invention is directed to an end connector tool that is adapted to accept therein a cable axially aligned with the body of the end connector tool. The tool of the reference is adapted to accept therein a cable inserted from the side of the tool.

✓ Claims 1, 11, and 12 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Nisson et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this ground of rejection.

It is respectfully submitted that the die of the reference moves with the body, it does not move "axially with respect to the body" as is claimed in Applicant's Claim 1. With respect to the attachment of the end connector parts to the cable, that limitation has been addressed with the above amendment to Claim 1.

With respect to Claim 11, it is not seen what features of Figures 1-3 of the reference meet the limitations of that claim.

With respect to Claim 12, that claim has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim that the lock is located at the distal ends of the body and the handle, a feature not rendered obvious by the reference.

Claim 2 (and apparently Claim 3) have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nisson et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this ground of rejection and incorporates here the above remarks with respect to Nisson et al.

With respect to Claim 2, the dimensions cited by Applicant give Applicant's compression tool the desired 200:1 compression ratio in a nearly closed position. The device of Nisson et al. gives a considerable lesser compression ratio. See the Specification, page 9, lines 5-9, which notes the compression ratios achieved over conventional compression tools such as that provided by Nisson et al.

With respect to Claim 3, that Claim has been amended to fully distinguish over Nisson et al.

Claims 4-9 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nisson et al. in view of Morris et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this ground of rejection and incorporates here the above remarks with respect to Nisson et al.

With respect to Claim 4, that claim has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim that the spring loaded fingers are disposed at a proximal end of the body, a feature not rendered obvious or suggested by the combination of the references.



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With respect to Claims 5-9, it is respectfully submitted that the combination of references fails to render obvious or suggest the claimed features.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the application, Claims 1-12, are allowable and early action in that regard is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions as to the allowability of the claims or have any suggestions with respect to the wording thereof, the undersigned would be grateful for the privilege of a telephone conference with the Examiner.

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